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BRAZIL IMPORTS SHOW INCREASE OF 25 PER CENT.

Sugar and Cotton Exports Show Decline—Other Figures Climb.

Late reports from Brazil show increase of about 25 per cent. in 1916 imports compared with 1915; but about 25 per cent. below 1914. Exports show increase in cocoa, meat, tobacco and leather, white rubber, coffee, tobacco and hides show increased prices. Sugar and cotton exports show a decline.

Annual reports of the four British railways in Chile whose lines aggregate 1,500 miles, show dividends ranging from 3 to 10 per cent., but no increase in mileage during past year.

Brazilian committee, appointed to experiment with production of native fuel, has obtained excellent results from use of native peat, which in pulverized form can readily be used with engines and on locomotives. A strong syndicate also formed by Brazilian capital to exploit coal mines.

Reports from various South American countries continue to show arrival of Japanese labor in considerable quantities, 5,000 agricultural immigrants being expected in Brazil in the immediate future.

Coffee shipments from Brazil show marked increase over last year. Shipments to Nov. 15 exceeded by over 2,000,000 bags those of corresponding period 1915.

Argentine government considering action to prohibit further transfer of vessels from the Argentine flag, owing to the fact that many engaged in river and coasting trade recently been sold.

Commercial failures Argentina show marked decline. Total liabilities in commercial failures for first 10 months of 1916 about one-half those of corresponding period of 1915 and less than one-fifth those of same period 1914.

Crop prospects in Argentina very unsatisfactory. Drought and locusts are cited as principal causes, and late reports indicate prospects of unusually small crops in all grains.

Reports from Chile indicate unusually large exports of nitrates at high prices.

Necessity for a compliance by American manufacturers with commercial customs established in South America by European manufacturers is emphasized by Prof. Gast, one of Germany's best authorities on South America, who says that "thus far the commercial beverage offered to South America by the Yankee does not agree with their stomachs. The Yankees' prices are high, he insists on cash delivery, and what is of still more importance cannot adapt himself, as we Germans do, to the idiosyncrasies of the foreign customer."

Argentine exports first nine months 1916 show marked decline in grains, but increase in meats, which amount to \$180,000,000 for the 10-month period against \$150,000,000 in corresponding months of 1915, though agricultural products show a fall of about \$100,000,000. Reduction in agricultural products occurs in wheat, corn, linseed and barley. Imports slightly greater than those of last year.

Shortage of crops in Uruguay is so great that bill has been sent to legislature proposing prohibition of wheat and flour exports until results of forthcoming harvest are ascertained. Prices of wheat, corn, linseed and oats are highest for many years.

Prices of foodstuffs in Argentina reported exceptionally high, owing to shortage of crops, high freights and the failure of more than one-half of the Argentine sugar crop.

Argentine railways are reported transporting free of charge men and materials necessary to combat the locust invasion in different parts of the republic, while a rebate of 50 per cent. is to be allowed on freight of live stock transported from the drought-stricken zones to districts where pastures still exist.

Construction of new railway in Rio Mulato with Sure by way of Potosi has been begun. The length will be slightly less than 200 miles. Construction work has also been resumed on railway lines between Cochabamba and Cruro. Bolivian government has also placed a loan in the United States for the construction of the La Paz Yungas railway.

New York Stock Exchange Quotations

Tuesday, Dec. 26, 1:30 P. M.

Allis Chalmers	27 1/2
Allis Chalmers Pfd.	83 1/2
Am. Beet Sugar	91 1/2
Am. Can. & Pdy.	65 1/2
Am. Can.	47 1/2
Am. Hide & Leather Pfd.	87 1/2
Am. Locomotive	77 1/2
Atlantic, Gulf & W. Indies	131 1/2
Am. Smelt. & R. Co.	104 1/2
Am. Sug. Rfg. Co.	109 1/2
Am. Tel. & Tele.	125
Am. Woolen	48 1/2
Am. Zinc	38 1/2
Alaska Gold	17 1/2
Atch., T. & S. Fe	104
Anaconda Copper	83 1/2
Baldwin Loco.	60 1/2
Baltimore & Ohio	84
Brooklyn Rapid Trans.	82 1/2
Butte & Sup.	48
Canadian Pacific	107 1/2
Calif. Petroleum	26 1/2
Gen. Leather Co.	87 1/2
Chi. M. & T. Paul	91 1/2
Chi. Great W.	14 1/2
Chi. Rk. Island & P.	34 1/2
Chile Copper	25 1/2
Chino	54 1/2
Chesapeake & Ohio	66 1/2
Consolidated Gas	123
Col. Fuel & Iron	48
Corn Products	24
Crucible Steel	41 1/2
Cuban Cane Sugar	50 1/2
Distilleries Securities	38 1/2
Erie	35
Erie 1st Pfd.	49 1/2
General Electric	168
Goodrich Co.	60 1/2
Gt. Northern Pfd.	117 1/2
Gt. Northern Ore	35 1/2
Illinois Central	105 1/2
Ind. Alcohol	114
Inspiration Copper	51 1/2
International Nickel	43 1/2
Interborough Cons.	114
Inter. Mer. Marine	23 1/2
International Paper	45 1/2
Kansas City Sou.	26 1/2
Kennecott Cop.	46 1/2
Lackawanna Steel	84 1/2
Lehigh Valley	78 1/2
Maxwell Motors	5 1/2
Mex. Petroleum	98 1/2
Miami Copper	38 1/2
Mo. Kan. & Texas	11 1/2



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N. Y. Central	104	Repub. Iron & Steel	77 1/2	Union Pacific	147 1/2
N. Y., N. H. & H.	54	Sloss-Sheffield & Iron	61 1/2	U. S. Rubber	62 1/2
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